

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 516 - HB 609

March 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the assessment of court costs and attorney's fees against a parent who, without good cause, rather than "in bad faith," petitions the court for sanctions against another parent for violation of a visitation order. Restricts recovery of attorney fees and expenses in a parental relocation matter to fees or expenses to those for work expended in responding to or defending a parental relocation petition. Adds language to specify that an order directing a child's parents, legal custodians, or guardians to defray a portion of the costs of the appointed attorney representing the child may be modified upon motion of the child's parent, legal custodians, or guardians.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the bill would not have a significant impact on the caseloads of the courts.
- Any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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